



# Voice of the Shore

CONGREGATION TORAT EL ~ JERSEY SHORE JEWISH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 2024 ~ SHEVAT/ADAR I 5784

CONGREGATION TORAT EL  
PRESENTS

MARCH 2, 2024

## COMEDY NIGHT

### FEATURING



KAREN BERGREEN



JOE MATARESE



DANIEL TIRADO

DELUXE DESSERT BUFFET & COFFEE BAR  
BYOB

DOORS OPEN 7:30PM

DESSERT 8:00PM

SHOW 8:30PM

\$50 per person

SEATING REQUESTS TAKEN AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Reservations at [comedy.torat-el.org](https://comedy.torat-el.org) by February 21

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## February Service Announcements

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 4:56 pm**

Yahrzeits: Charles Anapol, Leroy Bennett, Ida Block, Lawrence Alan Breslow, Stanton Deitch, Rafal Edelsberg, Samuel Ellton, Louis English, Robert Fisher, Ursula Forem, Rosalie Goodman, Bert Kanarek, Doris Konner, Harold Koyner, Sydney Kramer, Nissan Krongelb, Shirley Marlieb, Joyce Nudelman, Anne Posner, Murray Richelson, Harry Schwartz, Jeff Shooman, Howard Sprechman, Charlotte Webman, Blanche Wertlieb

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

**Shabbat Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Yitro 19:1-20:23 (p. 436)**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 (p. 452)**

**Friday, February 9, 2024**

**Religious School Family Service ~ 5:15 pm**

**Candles 5:05pm**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

Yahrzeits: Gail Altschuler, Dina Bercovicz Stauber, Minnie Curtis, Paula Gluck, Herman Gruber, Susan Hipschman, Ida Kessel, Phyllis Young Krakow, Max Landsman, Leonard Leibowitz, Lillian Margulis, Sara Marowitz, Daniel Marx, Joseph Mintzer, Charles Patton, Sylvia Pollak, Saul Poretzky, Anita Resnick, Pauline Retholtz, Ellen Rosen Sanabria, Irma Schwartz, Magdalena Stern, Mary Suskin, Stanley Thomas, Pearl Weinberg, Yetta Weisman, Sidney Zimmerman

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Mishpatim 22:4-23:19 (p. 465)**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24 (p. 1220)**

***Kiddush Lunch sponsored by Michael Gordon in honor of his 85th birthday***

**Friday, February 16, 2024**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 5:13pm**

Yahrzeits: George Bach, David Wolf Barish, Jacob Benofsky, Frances Bergstein, Molly Davis, Lillian Drimmer, Rose Dulberger, Max Epstein, Sylvia Fisher, Roslyn Gaber, Lillian Goldenberg, Cynthia Gruber, Flora Gurman, Herman Hirshfield, Rona Kalika, Samuel Kreizman, Adolf "Al" Krongold, Irene Lam, Rose Levenson, Maxwell Margulis, Miriam Mayerowitz, Judith Millender, Ada Mintzer, Robert Moss, Cookie Needle, Kurt Ottenheimer, Fishel Reuven, Molly Rosenstein, Rose Rothberg, Benjamin Shuzman, Laura Silbereich, Rhoda Sokol

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Terumah 26:1-30 (p. 491)**

**Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:26-6:13 (p. 500)**

***Kiddush Lunch is sponsored by Ellen & Myron Samuel  
in honor of the 71st anniversary of Myron's Bar Mitzvah***

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**Erev Shabbat Service ~ 6:15 pm**

**Candles 5:21pm**

Yahrzeits: Abraham Altschuler, Stanley Joel Anderman, Jacob Anschelewitz, Mildred Brasovankin, Fred Brown, Annette Hock Cook, Bernard Farber, Florence Farber, Barbara Gorlin, Garry Grabelle, Joel Gruskin, Kenneth E. Kouri, Lawrence Krompfer, Doris Kurtz, Herbert Levine, Etta Lichtman, Allan Margulis, Benjamin Maron, Irwin Rosen, Hyman Skora, Sigmund L. Weinstein, Lottie Wirth

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**Shabbat Morning Service ~ 9:00 am**

**Parsha: Tetsavveh 28:31-29:18 (p. 508)**

**Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27 (p. 520)**

### Join Services In-Person and Online

**Shabbat: Friday, 6:15pm and Saturday, 9:00am**

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Morning Minyan: Monday-Friday, 8:00am, Sunday, 8:30am**

**In-Person or Livestreamed at <https://livestream.torat-el.org>**

**Evening Minyan: Monday-Thursday, 7:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID 859-0261-9504 - Service held on Zoom only**



## How To Say GOODBYE – A FINAL LESSON FROM A MASTER TEACHER



I was as shocked as anyone when I got the call. A friend of mine who is a rabbi in Beverly, Massachusetts called me to tell me that our former Cantor, Bruce Siegel, was critically ill and nearing the end of his life. There is no easy way to share this news with someone, but she did it with grace and kindness and I was so appreciative that she let me know. Since his retirement, Cantor Siegel and I kept in touch periodically over the years, though we had not spoken in quite some time. Knowing that he had given permission for the news to be public, I called him up to tell him that I was thinking about him, as well as Anne and the rest of the family.

In the coming week or two, he and I played “phone tag,” until eventually, we connected.

What happened next was something I will never forget.

It was one of those moments when you know you are experiencing something important, something life changing. It was the moment when our beloved Cantor, Bruce Siegel, who was not only a Cantor but a wonderful teacher to so many of us, taught me one last lesson. As all of you know, I am not a stranger to conversations about death and dying. I am very familiar with the experience of being present with families during a loved one’s final days. But it is rare that I encounter someone who is physically and emotionally able to so clearly express their feelings towards the end of their life. It is rare that someone so lovingly and explicitly is gifted with the ability and emotional strength to say “goodbye” to those who will be left behind.

Cantor Siegel called me right before Shabbat. It was quiet in the house (which rarely happens) and just before I had to start getting ready to head to synagogue. It had been a terrible week in Israel – the first week after the attacks; I was exhausted; and the phone rang. It was Cantor Siegel. He sounded tired, but in good spirits. He called, he said, to thank me for being his friend, and “his teacher.” Truly, I am not sure why he thanked me, or what I could have possibly taught him – a master teacher, who gave me, who gave all of us, so much. I told him what he meant to us, to our congregation, and how appreciative we were for all that he taught us. I told him that his Torah reading program still lives on through the incredible work of Ben Laskowitz. I told him that his students still talk about his wonderful adult education classes. I reminded him about what he and Anne meant to our congregation. I asked him how he was doing. He said that he was doing okay and that this moment was “just a late payment on a life full of blessings.” He continued:

*"I got the better end of the deal. It was important to call you to say goodbye. To thank you for all that you did for me and my family. Do me a favor, he asked, give your family a big hug for me. They are such wonderfully special people. Tell the congregation that they are such a big part of my life and I am forever grateful to them. I (just) wanted to say thank you so much and keep on truckin'. Don't worry about me," he said. "I'm fine. I'm just waiting for the curtain to come down." (Leave it to Bruce to use a performance metaphor, even towards the end). "Josh (his son)," he said, "Is doing really well. He is a real mensch and has been a real rock. Just tell people that I miss them and how special they were, and are. Tell them that they were the dream and the congregation was the dream. I was so lucky. I learned so much from working with you. I'll be fine, really just a late payment on a life full of blessing."*

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I was crying. He was crying. And I immediately wrote down what he said to me because I wanted to remember this tremendous gift and I knew that I would eventually want to share his example with others. In that moment, Cantor Siegel showed such strength. During his final days, Cantor Siegel was able to leave this world filled with gratitude and the ability to express that gratitude. How many people get the chance, and have the ability to do that?

And here's the kicker – he didn't just do this for me. I know he started making calls and doing this for so many people, for some who may be reading this reflection.

Why share this with you? I do so for two reasons. First, if you have someone in your life who is near the end of their life (or you are in this place yourself), don't wait to tell a friend or a loved one what they mean to you. Don't wait to say goodbye. Take a moment to have the serious conversation. Contrary to our Jewish sense of superstition, it will not influence the outcome of the death that will come eventually. The gift that you will give, and the comfort that you will receive will be well worth the emotional vulnerability. Second, even if you do not find yourself in this position, even if you are healthy and well, make sure that you take some time to tell your closest friends and family what they mean to you. Not everyone gets that chance, and not everyone is wise enough to take it. Say something, write something, find a way to express to your loved ones how much they mean to you today. Don't wait.

Our sages taught that *devarim she-yotzim min ha-lev, nichnasim ba-lev*, things that come straight out of the heart, go straight into the heart. As we find ourselves at the beginning of a new secular year, may we be wise enough to move forward with an open heart, telling our loved ones how much they mean to us, even, and especially, in the most impossible of moments. May the memory of our beloved Cantor Bruce Siegel, *He Chazan Dov Tzvi Ben Yaakov Eliyahu V'Chaya Rivka*, be forever a blessing. I will forever be grateful for my final lesson from my friend, and our teacher.



## ADULT EDUCATION

We are excited to announce that beginning in March we will be ramping up our Adult Education offerings! In addition to Rabbi Schonbrun's regular classes, we will be offering a variety of programs covering both Jewish and general topics.

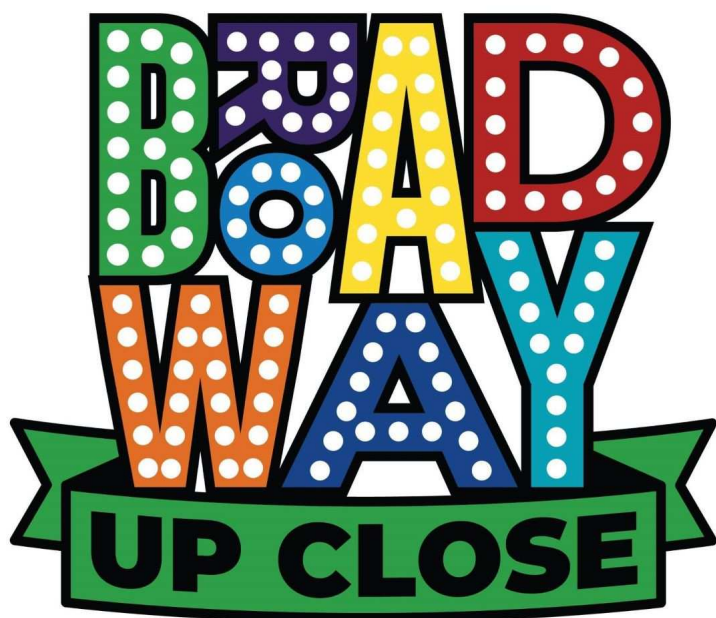
Our first event will bring Broadway alive in your living room! (see below)

If you are interested in helping us plan additional events or have ideas for topics or speakers, please contact our new Adult Education Co-Chairs, Mark Flamendorf or Kim McConnell. Here's their contact information:

Mark Flamendorf  
flamendorf@gmail.com  
908.415.7735

Kim McConnell  
kim@mymcconnell.com  
908.433.5979

We look forward to hearing from you!



Limited spaces available so this event is for temple members only. Non-members are invited to register and if space allows we will let you know.

**Join us on Zoom!**  
**Monday, March 11**  
**7:30 – 9:00 PM**

Tim Dolan, owner of Broadway Up Close, will give us a virtual, interactive tour of the Broadway theatre district from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

We will see Broadway's past and present merge before our eyes as Tim, also a professional actor, regales us with personal stories and gives us an up-close glimpse at the life of a theatrical artist.

Buckle your seat belts for an absolutely delightful evening!

Reservations at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](https://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

## SUSTAINING COMMITMENT

Letters will be going out mid-February for the 2024-25 fiscal year's sustaining commitment. Please be sure to fill it out and return it to the office by April 8. If you're able to and haven't raised your commitment in a while, please consider doing so this year.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity.

## OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILIES

### **Mazel Tov to:**

Mark Engel on being named CTE Men's Club's "Man of the Year"  
Aviva Schonbrun on being named CTE Men's Club's "Youth of the Year"

### **Condolences to:**

Beth Jacob on the loss of her husband Harvey Jacob  
Sharon Jacob on the loss of her father Harvey Jacob  
Richard Tretsky on the loss of his wife Joy Tretsky

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

January was a study in nature. The first snow of the season collided with our lessons about Tu B'Shevat and trees. And due to the snow, our Family Friday Night Service was canceled. We continue to learn new prayers, improve Hebrew reading, pray for Israel and have fun.

Here's a look at February:

Saturday, February 3 - Shabbat School  
Wednesday, February 7 - Religious School  
Friday, February 9 - Family Friday Night Service (5:15pm)  
Saturday, February 10 - NO SHABBAT SCHOOL  
Wednesday, February 14 - Religious School  
Saturday, February 17 - NO SHABBAT SCHOOL; President's Day Weekend  
Wednesday, February 21 - Religious School  
Saturday, February 24 - Shabbat School (Library Day; return borrowed books)  
Wednesday, February 28 - Religious School

With the winter upon us, remember that all weather-related changes to our schedule will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

## RITUAL ENGAGEMENT CHAI LITES

Yasher Koach to Jeffrey Donner for leyning Torah in honor of his birthday. Mazal Tov!

Yasher Koach to Joel Schulman for delivering a very thoughtful and meaningful Dvar Torah while Rabbi Schonbrun was on vacation. Thank you!

During the month of December, the following individuals performed the Mitzvah of reading Torah, chanting the Haftarah, and/or leading Shacharit and Musaf:

Jeffrey Donner  
Mark Engel  
Judy Feldbaum  
Cameron Fields  
Sam Fields  
Marvin Goldin  
Mike Gordon

Ben Laskowitz  
Alana Malek  
Larry Ozarow  
Andrew Robins  
Michele Robins  
Marcia Sacks

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun  
Aviva Schonbrun  
Leora Schonbrun  
Steven Schwaber  
Neil Weitzenkorn  
Mark Wertlieb

### **Yasher Koach To All!!!**

If you are interested in chanting your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Haftarah, or if you are interested in learning to become a CTE Leader/Reader, please contact Ben Laskowitz at [benlaskowitz@torat-el.org](mailto:benlaskowitz@torat-el.org) or 732-861-7450.



# SISTERHOOD CHAI LITES

Thanks to Gloria Gribin for chairing our Mah Jongg Card sales and to all our members who diligently sold cards to all their friends.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped wrap packages at Boscov's for the holidays – Margo Gelfman, Gloria Gribin, Marian Warshauer, Judy Solomon, Amy Wiener, Elaine Schreiber, Susan Sferas, and a big thank you to Janet Attner for coordinating the effort as well as wrapping.

**Min Pincoff Raffle:** Please renew your number or choose a new number or get in the game for the first time. Thanks to Toby Sukinik for chairing this important fundraiser for us. This has become one of our major sources of funding for Sisterhood and the temple. Tickets are now \$90 for the remaining 9 chances to win. (The first drawing was held in January.) The January winner was Linda Gurman. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

**Board & Committee Members Needed:** Sisterhood members are always welcome to assist on various committees. Please contact me, Susan Sferas, ctesisterhood@gmail.com or suesfer@aol.com or (732) 239-0750 for more information or if you are interested in participating.

**Scholarship:** Sisterhood is proud to offer a Scholarship for the third year. The scholarship is a monetary award for a congregation member's child who is continuing their Jewish education in Israel. Last year we awarded two scholarships — one to Sam Fields and one to Aviva Schonbrun. Both students presented a program to Sisterhood at our Paid-up Event last October. Their moving presentations were enjoyed by all. The students will be asked to provide the community services that they have participated in such as leading services, helping with Religious School and Sisterhood projects such as our hamantashen bake-a-thon. The family of the student must be in good standing with Congregation Torat El. The award-winning student will be asked to provide one program to a Sisterhood meeting on their experience. The application is available in the Temple office. The maximum award will be \$1000. The scholarship will only be granted to the recipient one time. We will be accepting applications until April 2, 2024. Please refer any questions to Janet Attner at djattner@verizon.net.

**Torah Fund:** This year's Torah Fund event will be held on Thursday, **March 21 at 7:15 pm**. Torah Fund is the dedicated philanthropy for Women's League for Conservative Judaism. It supports the five Masorti/Conservative Seminaries in NY, Los Angeles, Israel, Germany and Argentina. This is where the future Rabbis, Cantors and educators of the Conservative movement are trained. Our event will feature Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, a well-renowned Cantor, and refreshments will be served. The cost is \$18 per person.

## **SISTERHOOD WINTER LUNCHEON Thursday, February 15, 12:00pm**

Please sign up for our Annual Luncheon. Price for the program is \$18 per person. Advanced paid registration is required to the temple with checks made payable to CTE Sisterhood and brought in or mailed to the office by February 8th. Please include name, phone number, email and any special requests with your reservation. Our program will be presented by Two Chicks with Chocolate from Middletown. Come join us for a delicious lunch followed by a presentation about chocolate, including a chocolate tasting.

For more information, please contact Melanie Engel at melanieengel@comcast.net or Toby Sukinik at 732-493-3719.



## **ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS**

**The "Knitzvah Group" is now making blankets and hats for Israel!!**

We are looking for anyone interested in joining us in this worthwhile project. We meet at CTE the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm. **For the month of February we will meet on February 28.** Can't stay? Stop in any day we meet and pick up supplies to work at your own pace at home. We supply all material and can offer instruction for novices.

For more information, contact Judy Cohen at 732-567-7200 or ticklebug4@aol.com.



## **WORLD WIDE WRAP - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 8:30am**

Open to all of the men, women and teens in our congregation.

A chance to wrap ourselves in tallit and tefillin on the same day as tens of thousands of our fellow Jews worldwide.

Minyan followed by breakfast. RSVP at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)

## **HAZAK MOVIE AND SNACKS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 3:00PM**

### ***FILL THE VOID***

Shira, an 18-year-old Hasidic Israeli, is considering a marriage offer arranged through a matchmaker, which is customary in her community. When her older sister unexpectedly dies, leaving a new-born baby, it is expected that Shira's brother-in-law Yochai will seek a new wife. Both Yochai and Shira are urged to marry by Shira's mother, though both are hesitant despite their mutual attraction. Ultimately, Shira has to examine her own complex feelings in order to come to a decision.

Reservations at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) by Friday, February 9.

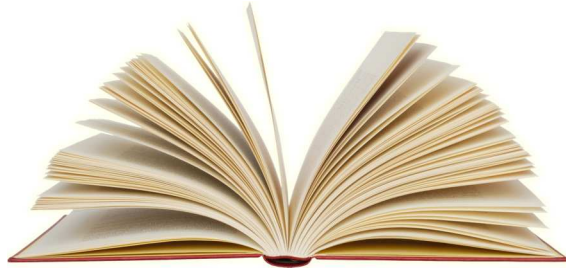
## **MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 9:15am**

Men's Club invites you to a speaker breakfast featuring **Lisa Hanna**. Lisa is a long-time member of CTE and teaches Holocaust, Genocide and Modern Humanity at Ocean Township High School. This past summer Lisa was chosen through the New Jersey Holocaust Commission to travel to Europe with a child survivor of the Holocaust, and other educators from New Jersey.

Lisa will share her experience with us through her talk and a slide show.

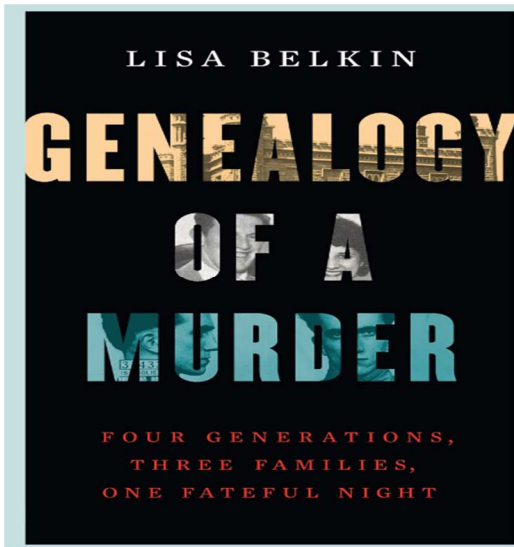
Please RSVP to [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org) by February 28.

# MEET THE AUTHOR IN-PERSON & ZOOM EVENT!!



**Sunday, March 17, 11:00am**

**Meet Lisa Belkin, author of *Genealogy of a Murder***



On Independence Day weekend in 1960 a young cop is murdered in Stamford, Connecticut. In this exploration of that crime, the author examines how three immigrant families became entwined – one Irish, one Italian, and one Jewish – and how each of them experienced the American Dream and the obstacles they encountered in pursuing that dream. This brilliantly researched book explores immigration, religion, prison reform, the nature/nurture debate and even the history of motorcycle racing, as well as the coincidences and choices that led to that one fateful night.

Lisa Belkin's career spans three decades – at the *New York Times Magazine*, the Life's Work column, and the Motherlode blog. She is the author of four non-fiction books, one of which was made into an HBO miniseries.

**Pre-Paid \$15 per person by Friday, March 15 at Noon or \$20 at the door**  
**Zoom \$10 per screen by Friday, March 15**  
**A lovely brunch will be served**  
**Reservations at [www.mta.torat-el.org](http://www.mta.torat-el.org) or 732-531-4410**

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## Shalach Manot Purim Baskets

Fulfill one of the mitzvot of Purim by ordering Purim baskets for Congregation Torat El members, staff, teachers, family and friends. Send a basket for only **\$6.00**! Recipients receive one basket with a card listing the names of all who sent it to that home. The basket of **homemade** hamantaschen, candy and other goodies will be delivered by Purim, which begins on Sunday, March 24.

**\$6.00** per BASKET or **\$15.00** per BASKET for NON-Temple Members *\*within delivery area only*

**ORDER FORMS WERE MAILED TO YOUR HOME**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 23.**

**NOTE THAT THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED.**

**For questions or to volunteer to drive, call/email:**

**Marian Warshauer at marianwar9@gmail.com or 732-241-7279**

**Toby Sukinik at tasukinik43@gmail.com or 732-493-3719**

**Linda Gurman at 732-493-0668 or Elaine Schreiber at 732-922-4129**



## Sisterhood's Annual Hamantaschen Bake-A-Thon

**Sunday, March 10 ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Wanted: Kneaders, pinchers, fillers, bakers, counters and your smiles!  
Please, no children under the age of 13**

***Our delicious cookies are provided to our college students, our Shalach Manot recipients, our staff and schools and at the Purim celebrations!***

**1 dozen \$10 - 2 dozen \$15**

**To place a hamantaschen order or to **volunteer your time** contact:**

**Lynn Zimmerman 848-208-9130 or elzee4@hotmail.com. Orders must be placed by March 5.**





## **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Traditional Megillah Reading 8:30AM

Pancake Breakfast For All 9:45AM

Religious School Family Megillah Reading 10:15AM

**Join us for the traditional Megillah Reading and then pancake breakfast  
OR**

**Join us before the Religious School Family Megillah Reading for pancakes**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**PURIM CARNIVAL ~ 11:00AM - 1:00PM**

**Carnival Games, DJ, Bounce House**

**Face Painting, Photo Booth**

**NO CHARGE**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**Pancake breakfast reservations at [upcomingevents.torat-el.org](http://upcomingevents.torat-el.org)**



# Mah-Jongg Madness 2024

6 Rounds of play (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon with lunch in the middle)

**\$\$ Cash Prizes will be Awarded \$\$**

**Sunday, April 7th**

**Congregation Torat El**

**301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Play begins at 9:30 am SHARP**

**Register by March 23rd**

**Please RSVP by mail only using registration form below**

**Registration Fee:** \$45.00 CTE Sisterhood Members, \$50.00 for Non-Members  
*Fee includes entrance, light breakfast nosh & lunch*

**\*\*\*\*\*Remember to bring your 2023 card\*\*\*\*\***

**Questions? Contact Carol Klein at:**

**732-213-7434 or [carolklein725@gmail.com](mailto:carolklein725@gmail.com)**

## **Mah Jongg Madness Reservation Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current CTE Sisterhood Member? YES or NO (please circle one)**

**I want to be an East\* - YES or NO or "Only if Desperate" (circle one)**

**\*Being East requires bringing a Mah Jongg set and assisting with scoring.**

**Mail completed form along with check made payable to: CTE Sisterhood**

**Mail To: Carol Klein, 26 Stonehenge Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712**

***No Refunds will be given for cancellations within 2 weeks of Tournament***

# DONATIONS

## **Congregation Torat El General Fund**

### **In Honor of:**

Dr. Alan Stern's retirement by *Margo Gelfman*

Dr. Stuart Meyer's retirement by *Margo Gelfman*

### **In Memory of:**

Marilyn Forman Spiera – mother of Penny Turtel by *Jeanne & Rick Isaacson*

## **Rabbi Schonbrun's Discretionary Fund**

### **In Honor of:**

Winning the Men's Club 50/50 Raffle by *Mark Flamendorf*

Dr. Martin Luria's retirement and being recognized as one of New Jersey's "Top Doctors" for 2023 by *Cindy & Lewis Fisher*

### **In Memory of:**

Marilyn Forman Spiera – mother of Penny Turtel by *Penny & Larry Turtel, Benjamin & Kathleen Schneider & Family, Leila Grayson*

Ruth Grayson – mother of Leila Grayson by *Leila Grayson*

Cantor Bruce Siegel – husband of Anne Siegel by *the Fisher Family*

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